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PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
	CB 58-44-5
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Letter dated 10th January 1944 from Mr. T. Subramanya, President, Mysore Congress, requesting that the bans imposed upon various committees of the Mysore Congress be raised and that all prohibitory orders, externments orders, etc. be withdrawn.

A D. S. N. is put up.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a letter dated the 10th January 1944 received from Mr. T. Subramanya, President, Mysore Congress, requesting that the bans imposed upon various committees of the Mysore Congress be raised and that all prohibitory orders, externment orders, etc., be withdrawn. It is proposed to reply to the letter as in the accompanying draft, and I solicit the gracious approval of His Highness to the draft reply.

N. Madhava Rau

DEWAN.

Bangalore,
14th January 1944.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

3) Draft reply to Mr. T. Subramanya, President. Mysore Congress. regarding prohibitory orders, etc.

No.526

4) ***Order.***

VRW.
17/1/'44.

5)

Secretariat.

SUBJECT:—

6) Draft reply to Mr.T.Subramanya,President, Mysore Congress, regarding prohibitory orders etc.

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14. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Ministers for perusal after the issue of orders.

16. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after, to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Ministers.

17. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Ministers at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders

No 2681/C.D. Dated 20th Jany 44. issued.

7) Circulated to Council of Ministers for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 14, 16 and 17 of the Subsidiary Rules of the Mysore Government Business Rules.) (*)

8) Issue & circulate. W.D. 19/1/44.

W.Sreenivasachary
Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department.

9) Minister for Revenue and Law. 21

10) Minister for Public Works. 22.1.

4757 / 24.1.44

11) Minister for Local Self-Govt. and Public Health. 22.1.44.

4091 / 24.1.44

12) Minister for Industries and Supplies. 27/1

6690 / 25/1/44

13) Minister for Education. 28/1

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W.D. 28/1/44

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NOTE.—Contn. sheet

WD 0718—GPB—1,000—11-9-42

2) Letter No.2681/C.B.127-43-2 dated 19th Jany: 1944 to Mr. T. Subramanya, President, Mysore Congress, stating that as the Mysore Congress has not till now renounced its association with outside Political Organisations which have been declared unlawful, it is premature to consider the question of relaxing or removing the restrictive orders passed upon local congress organisations.

3) Letter dated 21st Feby. 1944 from Mr.T.Subramanya, stating that the Mysore Congress is not connected with any outside political organization which has been declared unlawful and that he would be glad to discuss the matter with the Dewan.

14) Orders on P. U. D. "Submitted for perusal with the connected papers."

15) Minister, R. & L.)
(Intd.) K.V.A.
23.2.44.

DEWAN)

16) "To be circulated and re-submitted."
(Intd.) N. M.
24.2.44.

17) ~~Re~~-Circulated to the Ministers, and re-submitted to the Dewan on 6th March 1944.

18) Orders of Dewan thereon:-- "No action. Papers may be filed."
11.3.44.

P. T. O

Letter dated 6th May 1944 from Mr. T.Subramanya, requesting for an early reply to his letter of the 21st Feby.1944.

(9) Orders on P.U.D. - "Submitted for perusal with previous papers.

It was considered unnecessary to send any reply; and the papers were filed after circulation.

In case it is proposed to send a reply, a draft is put up for consideration."

(Intd.) V.V.A.
8.5.44.

(10) DEWAN)

May be brought up at the next meeting of Council.

(Intd.) N. M.
9.5.44.

Letter dated 3rd July 1944 from Mr. T.Subramanya acknowledging the letter of the Chief Secy., dated 19.6.1944 and stating that he is still feeling strong that a talk with the Dewan regarding the general political situation of the country will be very helpful.

May be placed along with the connected papers.

(Intd.) V.V.A.
5.7.44.

Subject:-

1) Letter from the President of the Mysore Congress seeking an interview with the Dewan for clarifying certain issues.

INSTRUCTIONS IN COUNCIL.

Letter issued
No. 4625/CS 127-43-4 Dated 25-6-44
To Sri M. T. Subramanya
Pres. Congress, stating that no purpose is served by discussing the matter further.

Copy to be kept with file

Letter dated 3rd July 1944 from Mr. T.Subramanya acknowledging the letter of the Chief Secy., dated 19.6.1944 and stating that he is still feeling strong that a talk with the Dewan regarding the general political situation of the country will be very helpful.

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13) May be placed along with the connected papers.

(Intd.) V.V.A.
5.7.44.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
24 JUL 1944
NO. 416

Subject. -

14) Letter from Mr. T. Subramanyam, President Mysore Congress, seeking an interview with the Dewan for clarifying certain issues.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

[Draft 15)

A letter may be sent to Mr. T.S. asking him what the points are he wants to discuss -

WD
18/7/44

16)
A draft is submitted.

WD
19/7/44
Issue a letter

WD
19/7/44

Letter issued.
M 243/[illegible] Dated 21.7.44

18)
Returned
WD
21/7/44

WD
21/7/44

19) Send for perusal after issue

Dewan) WD 21/7/44

20)

WD 26/7/44 26/7/44

Letter dt 1-8-44 from Mr. Subramanya furnishing the points on which he desires to interview the Dewan

31) Submd.

Ch. Secy.

32) Mr T. Subramanyam's letter is for perusal He has indicated the points he desires to place before the Govt if an interview is granted by the Dewan.

Submd for orders -

Min R&L & Dewan 33) KM 2/8/44 WD 3/8/44

34) This is still very vague

How would it do to tell him that he might interview the Members concerned Viz the Member for R&L & the Member D&S on the subjects relating to their respective portfolios ?

or

that he might send his specific suggestions and requests in writing so as to enable Govt to examine them in detail

35) May be circulated to the Members for favour of opinion 37) JDD 10-8

Circulated. 36) 3/8/44 KM

Ministers) WD 5/8/44 I suggest A KM 9.8

A/

38) As may be done.

12.8.44.

39) I agree.

12/8

40) (Seen by the min[ister] I & S.)
informally discussed in Council this morning)
WD 14/8/44

41) Draft reply for Comm[issione]r
Dewan) WD 14/8/44

42) Sec
15/8/44

43) Issue
WD
15/8/44

D.O No. 5841/C.B.Q 15-8-44 to the Hon. I. Secretary stating that there is no need for any personal discussion on the general political situation, at

MYSORE CONGRESS.

President:
T. Subramanya.

Gen. Secretary:
S. Nijalingappa.

Cottonpet,
Bangalore City, dated, 10th Jan.'44

CS (2) - 45 - 1

Pradhana Siromani
Sjt. N. Madhava Rau,
Dewan of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

I am herewith enclosing a copy of the letter written to me by Rajamantra Praveena Sjt. A.V. Ramanathan, the then Law Minister, on 30/7/1942. On receipt of the said letter I had a discussion with him on "current topics" He made it clear to me that you would write to me some time later with a view to explore all possible means of arriving at an honourable understanding with the Mysore Congress. But on 10/8/1942 when I was arrested along with my friends, on our way back from Bombay, I was pained to find that the Government by their action in declaring the Working Committee and certain other Committees illegal and arresting us, had precipitated matters and forced a fight upon the people of Mysore

It is my firm conviction that if the talks that Sjt. A.V. Ramanathan had with me were continued in the same spirit in which they were begun, the unhappy incidents of August 1942 might have been avoided.

After 16 months of detention we have been released. I feel that these releases would not serve that purpose which they were intended to, unless the releases were followed by the release of all political prisoners, withdrawal of all externment and prohibitory orders, the lifting of the ban on the various Committees of the Mysore Congress etc. This would enable the Mysore Congress to function in the country as usual. I have waited for such an order all these days after my release, but in vain.

P.t.o.

I am addressing this letter to you so that the Government might kindly take that needful steps and order that the bans imposed upon various Committees of the Mysore Congress be raised and the various obstacles in the way of establishment of peace and harmony in the public life of the country be removed

I consider the object of this letter will be served if it enables the Congress and the Government to come to an understanding in the interest of the country

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

President,
MYSORE CONGRESS.

Rajasevaprasakta
Mr.A.V.RAMANATHAN,B.A.,
Minister for Law.

" Ananda "
Visvesvarapuram
(Public Offices
Bangalore City, 30 / 7 /1942

My dear Mr. Subrahmanyam.

I shall be glad if you can kindly come to me for a general talk on current topics at my house at 4 P.M. this afternoon or at any later hour convenient to you.

Please telephone to me to 2337 your convenience. You need not worry to send a written reply.

Yours Sincerely.

(Sd) A.V.Ramanathan

DRAFT. No. 268/CB 127-43-2
9 19/1/44

(Dear Sir,)

I am desired to acknowledge your letter dated 10th January 1944 addressed to the Dewan recalling a conversation which you say you had with Rajamantrapravina Mr. A.V. Ramanathan on 30th July 1942. The conversation must have been of a purely personal nature and apart from the propriety of referring to such a conversation, its relevancy to your present purpose is not apparent. I am, however, to say that there was absolutely no idea of writing to you "to explore all possible means of arriving at an honourable understanding with the Mysore Congress."

So far as the Government are aware, the Mysore Congress has not till now renounced its association with outside political organizations which have been declared unlawful in British India as well as in Mysore. It is therefore premature to consider the question of relaxing or removing the restrictive orders passed upon local Congress organizations.

Yours sincerely,

19/1/44

(Chief Secretary)

T. Subramanya, Esq.,
Cottonpet,
BANGALORE CITY

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SUBJECT

Letter dated 21-2-44 from the President, Mysore Congress seeking an interview with the Dewan.

5327

Submitted for perusal.

Dewan.

Minister for Revenue & Law.

5293/24/2 Minister for Public Works.

5785/24/2 Minister for Local Self-Govt. and Public Health.

5073/V.3. Minister for Industries and Commerce.

5891 Minister for Education.

6/3/44 Re submitted.

Dewan)

Draft for perusal
with the connected papers.

Min R & L Dept
x Dewan

2525
C.B

MYSORE CONGRESS.

C.S. 127 43-1

Bangalore City,
Dated: 21st February, 1944.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE & LAW
23 FEB. 1944
No. 5027

Sjt. V. Vedavyasacharya, B.A.,
Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your kind letter D.O. No.2681/C.B. dated 19th January 1944. You question the relevancy and the propriety of referring in my letter to the conversation I had with Rajamanthra Pravina A.V. Ramanathan, the then Law Minister. Had he not spoken to me as representing the mind of the Government and gone so far as to state that the Dewan would be writing to me after my return from Bombay I should not have referred to it at all. Your observation that it was a personal talk is incorrect in this view. You will therefore agree that the sudden arrests even before we arrived at Bangalore City were extremely surprising, unfair and precipitate. It was not only proper but necessary on my part to bring to the notice of the Government what had transpired between me and the Law Minister.

You observe in your letter that "so far as the Government are aware, the Mysore Congress has not till now renounced its association with outside political organizations which have been declared unlawful in British India as well as in Mysore". The Mysore Congress is not connected with any outside political organization which has been declared unlawful. The Indian National Congress has not been declared unlawful either in British India or in Mysore and the membership thereof cannot be objected to. It is quite likely that there is some misunderstanding. If the Dewan agrees, I would be glad to discuss with him with a view to clear up matters.

C.P.

CHIEF SECRETARY. 21. FEB. 1944 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

MYSORE CONGRESS

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T. SUBRAMANYA
PRESIDENT
S. NIJALINGAPPA
GENERAL SECRETARY

C.B.

Bangalore City.
6th May 1944.

C.B.
WD
8/5/44

Sri. V. Vedavyasacharya,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Government of Mysore, BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

I have not received any reply so far to my letter dated 21st February 1944. I request you to place the matter before the Dewan and send me a reply early.

Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,

PRESIDENT

Subd for perusal with previous papers.

It was considered unnecessary to send any reply & the papers were filed - after circulation

In case it is proposed to send a reply, a draft is put up for consn

WD 8/5/44

Dewan)

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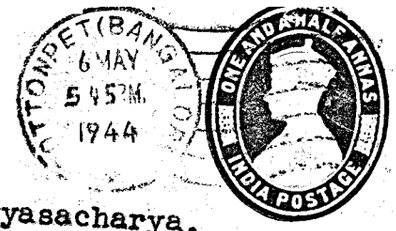
WD 11/5/44



To

Sri V. Vedavyasacharya,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Government of Mysore
BANGALORE.

from:-
President,
Mysore Congress.
Bangalore.

12) 43-4

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of Feby. 21st I am desired to state that my letter of Jany.20th clearly states the position of Govt. as regards the conversation you appear to have had with Mr. A. V. Ramanathan. You will appreciate that it serves no purpose to discuss it further.

As regards what you say in Para 2 of your present letter, Government are aware that the Working Committee and local Committees of the Mysore Congress had ~~associated~~ with the Working and other Committees (of the Indian National Congress) which are declared unlawful in British India. You surely do not contend that it is not so.

The position as explained above is quite clear; and there appears to be little else as matters stand at present, which requires a personal discussion.

Yours sincerely

(Chief Secy.)

T. Subramanya Esqr.,
President, Mysore Congress,
Cottonpet, Bangalore City

No 465 S/C B 127-43-4

19th June 4

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of February 21st, I am desired to state that my letter of January 20th clearly states the position of Government as regards the conversation you appear to have had with Rajamantrapravina Mr. A. V. Ramanathan. You will appreciate that it serves no purpose to discuss it further.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secretary

T. Subramanya, Esqr.
President, Mysore Congress,
Cottonpet. Bangalore City.

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T. SUBRAMANYA
PRESIDENT
S. NIJALINGAPPA
GENERAL SECRETARY

Congress Office,
Doddapet, Bangalore City,
Dated 3rd. July 1944.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of letter D.O.No.4695/C.B. dated 19th.June 1944 from the Chief Secretary to Government and note that you feel that no purpose will be served in discussing the conversation I had with Rajamanthra Preveena Sjt. A.V.Ramanathan. Apart from it however. I had expressed in my letter dated 21st.Feb.1944 a desire to meet you. Even now I strongly feel that a talk with you regarding the general political situation in the country will be very helpful. If it is agreeable to you I shall thank you to let me know your convenience in the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Subramanya

Pradhana Siromani
Sjt.N.Madhava Rau,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
JUL 1944
No. M 15

Sent with letter
4/7/44
4.7.44

NC 243/CB

21st July 1944.

Dear Sir

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd July 1944 addressed to the Dewan and to request you kindly to intimate the points which you wish to place before Government.

Yours sincerely,

21/7/44

T. Subramanyam, Esqr.,
President, Mysore Congress,
Cottonpet, Bangalore City.

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T. SUBRAMANYA
PRESIDENT

S. NIJALINGAPPA
GENERAL SECRETARY

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NO. 470
DATE 2/8

Cottonpet, Bangalore City,
Dated: 1st. August 1944.

CHIEF SECRETARY
2 AUG. 1944
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Sjt. V.Vedavyasacharya,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Government of Mysore.
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter D.O.No.243/ C.B. dated 21/7/44. My object in seeking an interview with the Dewan is to place before him the obstacles in the way of the Mysore Congress in contesting the ensuing elections and generally in functioning normally as a political institution working for the establishment of Responsible Government in the state and recognised as such by the Government of His Highness in their order dated 17th. May 1938. I desire in particular to discuss with the Dewan the need for the lifting of the ban on the several Committees of the Mysore Congress, for the removal of disqualifications in respect of many Con--gressmen and for the ensuring of a fair and free field regarding the lections.

I should very much like, if the Dewan so pleases, to discuss with him how far and in what manner the Mysore Congress can coordinate its activities with those of the Government in enabling the people to tide over the difficult situation caused by the scarcity of food and other essential commodities and in preventing hoarding and profiteering.

You will agree that these are points which can not be discussed by correspondence andthat they need, some if not much, informal discussion.

P.T.O.

I shall thank you to place this letter before the Dewan and communicate to me at an early date his convenience in the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

J. Subramaniya

President.

15th August 1944.

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of August 1, 1944 I am desired to state in reply that so far as the general political situation is concerned, Government consider that there is no need for any personal discussion.

In your letter, however, it is indicated that you desire to discuss the question of the removal of certain restrictions, and prohibitory orders as also the policy of Government regarding the working of measures relating to food supplies and to the prevention of hoarding and profiteering in respect of other essential commodities.

In case you have any concrete suggestions on these matters, I shall be glad to arrange for your interviewing the Ministers in charge of the departments concerned.

A list of the specific points which you propose to bring up may be sent to me, in advance for the information of Government.

Yours sincerely

T. Subramanya, Esqr.,
President, Mysore Congress
Cottonpet, Bangalore City.

(Dear Sir),

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of Aug. 1, 1944, I am desired to state in reply that so far as the general political situation is concerned, Govt. consider that there is nothing to discuss. Need for any personal discussion. In the your letter, however, it is indicated that you desire to discuss with the Dewan the question of the removal of certain restrictions, and prohibitory orders as also the policy of Govt. re: the working of measures relating to food supplies and to the prevention of hoarding and profiteering in respect of other essential commodities.

In case you have any definite and concrete suggestions on these matters, and if you would communicate them in writing, Govern ment will be glad to have the questions examined in the first instance. You may then arrange to interview the Govt. Ministers in charge of the Departments concerned. for a further elucidation, if you consider it necessary.

You may please arrange for your interview

* A list of such suggestions on the points which you propose to bring up may be sent in advance to me in advance for the information of Govt

Yours sincerely,

NDP
14/8/NDP

T. Subramanya, Esqr.,
President, Mysore Congress
Cottonpet, Bangalore City.